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Ing. Francisco García Olano
President
Argentine Academy of Exact Physical
and Natural Sciences
Avenida Las Heras 2545
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Ingeniero García Olano:

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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On the occasion of the visit to Buenos Aires of Christian B. Anfinsen and Robert P. Perry, members of the National Academy of Sciences, I take pleasure in sending a personal message of greetings to you and to the members of the Argentine Academy of Exact Physical and Natural Sciences. As you know, Drs. Anfinsen and Perry plan to visit Argentina March 5-9, 1978. I trust that you will be in Buenos Aires during that period and that it will be possible for you to meet with them.

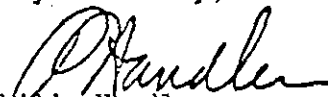
I have also written to Dr. Luís Leloir, Foreign Associate of our Academy, asking that he assist in making arrangements in Buenos Aires. The purpose of the visit is two-fold:

1. To engage in scientific discussions with Argentine colleagues at both Dr. Leloir's institute and at the University of Buenos Aires, and to inquire into preparations for the October 1978 meeting of the International Union Against Cancer.

2. To discuss with senior Argentine officials in the scientific community and in the government concerns of the Committee on Human Rights of this Academy regarding the personal circumstances of certain specific Argentine scientists. In this endeavor we have had the invaluable assistance of the Argentine Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Jorge A. Aja Espil.

I would welcome the opportunity of hearing from you upon the conclusion of the visit by Drs. Anfinsen and Perry. Please feel free to send a message back to me through them or via Mr. Jay Davenport, our staff officer who is accompanying them on this journey.

Very sincerely,



Philip Handler
President

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